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In re Application of:

DONNA GALVIN

Serial No.: 09/692,762

Filed: October 19, 2000

Group Art Unit: 3629

Examiner: J. Walsh

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: AUTOMATIC DOOR LATCH  
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: Attorney Docket No. 281241-00001-2  
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AMENDMENT

July 23, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2001. Accompanying this Amendment is a Three-Month Petition for Extension of Time, extending the period for response through Monday, July 23, 2001. Also accompanying this Amendment is an Information Disclosure Statement.

In the Claims

Please amend Claim 35 as follows:

35. (Amended) An automatic door latch restraint assembly

comprising:

an automatic door latch including a first latch movable to an extended position, a partially retracted position and a fully retracted position, and a first spring biasing the first latch toward the extended position, wherein the automatic door latch comprises actuator bar means for manually retracting the first latch to the fully retracted position upon rotation of the actuator bar means; and

restraint means including a second latch for manually securing the first latch in the fully retracted position, wherein the restraint means comprises means for substantially preventing rotation of the actuator bar means when the first latch is in the fully retracted position and the restraint means comprises a keeper mounted for rotation

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101 710	201 355	Utility filing fee	
106 320	206 160	Design filing fee	
107 490	207 245	Plant filing fee	
108 710	208 355	Reissue filing fee	
114 150	214 75	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 0

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	-20** =	X	
Multiple Dependent Claims	-3** =	X	

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 80	202 40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 270	204 135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 80	209 40	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

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105 130	205 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127 50	227 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 130	139 130	Non-English specification	
147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112 920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month	
116 390	216 195	Extension for reply within second month	
117 890	217 445	Extension for reply within third month	445
118 1,390	218 695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,890	228 945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 310	219 155	Notice of Appeal	
120 310	220 155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 270	221 135	Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,240	241 620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,240	242 620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 440	243 220	Design issue fee	
144 600	244 300	Plant issue fee	
122 130	122 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123 50	123 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126 180	126 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	180
581 40	581 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146 710	246 355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149 710	249 355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179 710	279 355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169 900	169 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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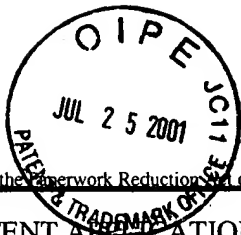
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## CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

SMALL ENTITY

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SMALL ENTITY

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))		
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	8 minus 20 =	* 0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	1 minus 3 =	* 0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))		

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## CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

(Column 3)

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Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	* 3	Minus *** 3	= 0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))			

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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))			

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AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))			

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